

Atrocities on dalits

†2321. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the incidents of harassment against depressed classes such as murder, rape, making them homeless by setting their houses ablaze in different States of the country, during the last one year;

(b) the up to date status of legal action taken against the criminals committing such acts; and

(c) the action being taken by Government to check crimes against depressed communities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) and (b) As per statistics compiled by the National Crime Records Bureau, statements showing details of the incidents of crime committed against SCs and STs respectively during 2005, State-wise and crime head-wise, including crime head-wise details of number of persons arrested, persons charge-sheeted, persons trial completed, persons convicted and persons acquitted are placed in the Annexure. [See Appendix 209, Annexure No. 5]

The average chargesheeting rate for the crimes against SCs and STs stood at 94.1 per cent and 91.6 per cent respectively whereas, the average conviction rate for crimes against SCs and STs stood at 29.8 per cent and 24.5% respectively.

(c) As per the seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India, 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects and, as such, prevention, detection, registration, investigation and prosecution of crimes are primarily the responsibilities of the State Governments. The Union of India, however, attaches highest importance to the matter of prevention of crimes against weaker sections of the society and therefore, from time to time, has issued advisories to the State Governments and UT Administrations to give more focused attention to the administration of criminal justice system with special emphasis on prevention and control of crime against SCs and STs.

Terrorist activities in States

2322. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether many cases related to terrorist activity have been registered

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